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Salem and Coimbatore districts from Mettur dam for irrigation purposes, after the cut motion was carried in the Council on 16th March last?

A.—No.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDAR:—"May I know why no action was taken?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"Orders on the question have either been published in the Press or placed on the table of this House."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"The question refers to Salem and Coimbatore districts. May I ask the Government to state whether they do not propose to give further irrigation facilities to the Coimbatore district?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"Not under the Mettur project."

Agreement between Government and the ryots of the Vadavar Ayacut.

* 410 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any agreement entered into between the Government on the one hand and the ryots of the Vadavar ayacut on the other between the years 1800—1840; and

(*b*) if so, what were the terms of the agreement and whether a copy of the agreement will be placed on the table?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have called for a report.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know whether the report has since been received?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"No, Sir."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"Will he expedite it, Sir?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"It will take some time to search for the papers. We have had reports that no agreement can be found in the Madras Records office, or in the Superintending Engineer's office or in the Executive Engineer's office. We are awaiting reports from the Collectors."

Clearance of silt in the Buckingham Canal.

* 411 *Q.*—Rao Sahib C. JAYARAM NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total expenditure incurred in each of the last three years, (i) on the clearance of silt from the Buckingham Canal and (ii) the other improvements to the sections of the said canal situated (1) to the south of Madras and (2) to the north of Madras;

(*b*) the length of the section of the said canal situated to the north of Madras and south of Madras;